

§ 143-406. Duties of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall take action to carry out the following purposes as funds and staff permit:

- (1) Study, collect, maintain, and otherwise disseminate factual data and pertinent information relative to the arts;
- (2) Assist local organizations and the community at large with needs, resources and opportunities in the arts;
- (3) Serve as an agency through which various public and nonpublic organizations concerned with the arts can exchange information, coordinate programs and stimulate joint endeavors;
- (4) Identify research needs, encourage research and assist in obtaining funds for research;
- (5) Assist in bringing the highest obtainable quality in the arts to the State; promote the maximum opportunity for the people to experience, enjoy, and profit from those arts.

By February 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall, in addition to such other recommendations, studies, and plans as it may submit from time to time, submit a biennial report of progress to the Governor, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division. (1967, c. 164, s. 4; 1973, c. 476, s. 79; 2015-241, s. 14.30(s); 2017-57, s. 14.1(hh).)